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Marcia Mayeda, Director

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

January 07, 2020

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

29 January 7, 2020

CELIA ZAVALA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD OF \$70,000 FROM PETSMART CHARITIES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO PET OWNERS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The Department of Animal Care and Control is seeking Board approval to accept a grant award of \$70,000 from PetSmart Charities.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Approve and authorize the Department of Animal Care and Control to accept the grant award of \$70,000 from PetSmart Charities, which will be used to provide assistance for pet owners experiencing homelessness.
2. Instruct the Executive Officer to prepare and send a letter of appreciation to PetSmart Charities for their generous award.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Department of Animal Care and Control (Department) is pleased to inform your Board that on October 22, 2019, PetSmart Charities offered a grant award of \$70,000 to the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control to support the County of Los Angeles Homeless Initiative (COLA HI) program. COLA HI is a program offered by the Department that provides assistance to pet owners who are experiencing homelessness. This assistance may include spay/neuter, microchipping, vaccinations, limited medical services for pets, and temporary pet housing at no cost for individuals referred to the Department by Homelessness Initiative programs. These funds will

support the Department's costs of its ongoing efforts to provide these services to Los Angeles County residents who are experiencing homelessness.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The acceptance of this grant award will support the County's Strategic Plan, Strategy I.1, Increase Our Focus on Prevention Initiatives, by providing free pet boarding while individuals seek and secure long-term housing for themselves. This award also supports Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, by making use of external resources to assist more animals and to provide additional services for Los Angeles County pet owners who are experiencing homelessness.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There is no impact to Net County Cost, as there is sufficient revenue budgeted in the Department's current FY 19-20 operating budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Government Code Section 25335 permits the County to accept grants, donations, or other gifts for a specific County purpose. Section 2.4.2 of the County Fiscal Manual authorizes County departments to accept donations in excess of \$10,000 with Board approval.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This grant award will enhance current services by allowing the Department to provide additional services and assistance to pet owners experiencing homelessness, which will allow more pets to remain permanently with their owners.

### **CONCLUSION**

Upon approval, the Executive Officer is requested to send letters thanking PetSmart Charities for their generous award. A draft appreciation letter is enclosed. Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

1/7/2020

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Mayeda", is centered on a light yellow rectangular background.

MARCIA MAYEDA

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

Ms. Jenny Aho  
PetSmart Charities  
19601 North 27th Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85027

Dear Ms. Aho:

At its meeting held January 7, 2020, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors accepted, with gratitude, the amount of \$70,000 from PetSmart Charities to provide assistance to pet owners experiencing homelessness.

The Board members requested that I express their appreciation to you for this generous donation.

Sincerely,

Celia Zavala  
Executive Officer